

# CHARITON COURIER.

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## KEYTESVILLE, - MISSOURI.

P. S. RADER bearded the lion of gold bugism in his den when he went over into Randolph last week and made silver speeches in every township in the county. The newspapers over there, though of the opposite persuasion, speak well of the character of Perry's speeches as to their logic, and fearless defense of bimetalism.

JOHN H. CARROLL, of Putnam, Thomas, of Gentry, Brown, of Saline, Rozier, of St. Genevieve, and we came nearly forgetting Riley Hall, of Randolph, have been repudiated as delegates to the Sedalia convention. Too much gold is the cause attributable to their being left out of the councils of the state Democratic convention.

SENATOR TILMAN, in a recent interview at Columbia, South Carolina, gave it as his opinion, that if the Chicago convention should declare for free silver in its platform, and place a sound silver man for president upon it, that the platform, thus adopted and the candidate will be endorsed by the Populist and bimetalist convention to be held in St. Louis.

WHEN Democratic county conventions were being held four years ago, there were numerous endorsements of the St. Louis Republic, which was then in hearty accord with the rank and file of Missouri Democracy. This year, however, there has scarcely been a county convention held where Democratic voices have not been lifted in thunder tones against the Republic's scurrilous attacks upon Governor Stone. "It is hard (for the old 1868) to kick against the pricks." Had the old lady become ancient gracefully and wronged none of her Democratic brethren, slandered none, defrauded none, she would have had thousands of blessings showered upon her whitened locks, where she has anathemas only.

REPORTS from counties all over Missouri show the silver sentiment among Democrats to be on the increase. It now looks as though there would be a solid silver delegation to the Sedalia convention, and as a result a similar delegation from Missouri to Chicago. A resolution by the Sedalia convention to enforce the unit rule in the Missouri delegation to Chicago, because of one or more congressional districts electing delegates of the gold-standard persuasion to Chicago, will not be necessary, as there is not likely to be a dissenting voice among the Missouri delegation to Chicago to the silver cause. The wonderful victory obtained by the silver men, of Missouri, is cause for rejoicing, but silver men can afford to be magnanimous. They should treat their erring brethren with the utmost consideration and, in so doing, win them back to the old paths trodden by our Democratic fathers.

MR. R. H. HODGE, a worthy citizen of Brunswick, had a letter of protest in the last week's issue of the Brunswicker against the proscriptive policy of some Democrats against other Democrats who happen to differ from them on the financial question, and cites the case of Clarence Houston, of Wayland township, who was forced to withdraw from the race for county treasurer, because his views on the money question were adverse to the views of a very large majority of the Democrats of Chariton county. We are very sorry that anything of a proscriptive policy has ever been inaugurated among Democrats, especially among candidates for county offices. There is no more honorable, high minded gentleman found in the Democratic ranks of Chariton county, than Clarence Houston, and one that we would have supported cheerfully for office. But we want to tell Bro. Hodge that the silver wing of the Democratic party is not responsible for the beginning of this proscriptive policy. Mr. Cleveland inaugurated that policy when he began to withhold his patronage from Democrats who were not of his anti-Democratic way of thinking on the financial question. If he has appointed a single man to office since he declared "the financial to be the paramount issue," who differed from him on that issue, we have not heard of him, and it is but natural that his opponents should give tit for tat.

## EXPERT FINANCIERS.

That a very large majority of the people of the United States are in favor of the restoration of silver to the place it occupied in our financial system previous to John Sherman's meddling in 1873, is a proposition too palpable to need argument. The opposers of silver are, as a rule, money lenders, members of corporations, trusts, etc., and their willing tools. The masses of the people, including farmers and all classes of laboring men, are in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of both metals. But the gold standard men tell us that these are not judges of financial matters; that questions of finance should be left to "experts" to settle.

In an open letter from ex-Governor Fishback, of Arkansas, to Mr. Cleveland, in which the former endeavors to show the latter the wreck and ruin his financial policy has wrought upon a large majority of the people, while the favored few, who are "experts," have been greatly enriched thereby, counting their gains by millions year by year, the writer shows up these experts in their true light. Governor Fishback's letter is too long for publication in these columns; it ought to be published in pamphlet form and sowed broadcast over the country for the people to study, it is an eye opener. On the subject of experts we extract the following pithy remarks.

It is a favorite part of the schemes of yourself and allies to avoid a discussion of financial questions, as usual, among intelligent men, upon history and experience, but boldly to predict all sorts of calamities the better to hide the calamities that already exist and to denounce those who are guided in their reasoning by the experience of the past as "cranks," "knives," etc. With a lofty, supercilious self-importance, too, born of the independence of unholy wealth, the advocates of your schemes, in the face of all experience, in the face of the most cherished doctrines of Democratic institutions, calmly tell the people that they are unfit to discuss their finances, but should leave all such questions to "experts."

It would be affectation in me, Mr. Cleveland, to suppose you have not read history. Assuming that you have, will you point out a single despotism that ever reared itself upon the necks of an enslaved people, which had for its foundation stone, this very same doctrine, that governmental affairs should be left to "experts?" And is there anything in all history to lead us to suppose that the characteristics of the breed are not the same everywhere, whether in Europe, the Orient or in the United States? True they are called in monarchical countries king, clergy and nobility, while here they are called financiers. True, too, you have not yet reached the stage which attaches to our "experts" Divine right, but if this country could be cursed with another four years of your administration, the rapidity with which your evolution has already progressed justifies the belief that you would reach even this culmination.

Fortunately for the American people, we have already had ample proof that our "experts" are true to the instincts of the breed. Let me cite a few:

1. There was not long since published in Chicago the following certificate of the auditor of the state of Illinois: "I, David Gore, auditor of public accounts of the state of Illinois, do hereby certify that the statement of property assessed in Cook county for the year 1894, filed in this office in pursuance of law, shows among other personal property assessed in said Cook county for the year A. D. 1894, the following, viz: Agricultural tools, implements and machinery, \$84,392; money of bankers, brokers, etc., \$43,925; credits of banks, bankers, brokers, etc., \$10,000. The above items show all the property assessed under heading herein set forth.

"Witness my hand and official seal  
DAVID GORE,  
Auditor of Public Accounts."

Will you not admit, Mr. Cleveland, that these Chicago "experts" have shown the expert shrewdness natural to their class in their forcing the farmers of Cook county to pay not only their own share of taxes, but about nineteen-twentieths of that of these "experts?"

And does it not make you blush, Mr. Cleveland, to learn that these experts, upon whose testimony you would have the people to so implicitly rely, have said (presumably under oath, too,) that in all the hundreds of banks and other financial institutions of the great city of Chicago with its two million of people, and its hundreds of millions, of wealth, there are only a little over forty thousand dollars in money?

You cannot too quickly act upon the old Latin adage—A Solies Mosciur.

2. Last spring, as I can attest, a gentleman in company with an English-

man, visited on business a large legal firm on Wall street, New York. One of the firm (and he would pass as an "expert" of the first water) twitted the Englishman upon his country's having an income tax, while our supreme court had just decided that our country could not have one. The Englishman replied: "Yes, we make the wealth of our country pay its taxes, while you make the poor pay them." (Alluding to the tariff taxes as well as the supreme court decision.) The lawyer quickly retorted: "They ought to pay them. They have their children educated by the wealth of the country; they have high wages paid them by the wealth, etc."

It would open up an interesting psychological inquiry to ascertain whether this particular "expert" has not already reached the stage when he is ready to assert the "Divine right" of law-created wealth to plunder the poor.

3. When you were about to put upon the property of the people a hundred million mortgage last winter, acting upon your advice to the people, you called into your councils certain "experts," Messrs. Morgan, Belmont, Rothschilds & Co., to advise you. You accepted this advice (we are bound in the absence of proof to the contrary, to admit, honestly, even if we are forced to do so at the expense of your sanity) and they pocketed about eleven millions of the people's money as the price of their "expert" advice.

4. When about to put upon the people another mortgage a few weeks since you called to your councils one of these same "experts," Mr. J. Peirpont Morgan, and the newspapers of New York say he has on file in your office two letters, one advising you to sell bonds at 104 and another offering himself to buy these same bonds, in competition, at about seven millions more than he advised you to take.

5. It was under the advice of "experts" that our government issued her first bonds, sold them to the same "experts" for greenbacks depreciated to 40 cents on the dollar and afterwards, instead of paying them in the same kind of currency with which they were bought, they were made by "expert"-advised law payable in coin in violation of their contract with the taxpayers and at their expense. By this one act, these "experts" plundered the people of about six hundred millions of dollars and when the people complain they are denounced as thieves and dishonest knaves, who would rob their creditors.

6. Not satisfied with the amount of plunder these same "experts" procured the establishment of the national banking system, under which one of these "experts" with \$40,000 in gold could purchase \$100,000 worth of bonds, receive 6 per cent. interest in gold on them and have donated to him \$90,000 of currency by the government to be loaned out on his own private account, thus increasing his wealth 375 per cent., not by honest toil, but by "expert" legislation.

7. It was under the advice of these same "experts" and by means of the same kind of corrupt law that they afterwards again doubled their wealth by curtailing the supply of metallic money by one-half in 1873, thus increasing their wealth 850 per cent, by sheer legislation from 1864 to 1873.

8. "Experts," who are so fruitful of excuses, calmly tell the people that the existing condition of low prices and appreciating money and debts are the result of over-production.

Of course, we must admit that "experts" really believe this for they are accustomed to believe anything, however false or foolish, which is to their interests to believe. But the census reports brand this as another falsehood.

In the state of Illinois alone the farmers and laborers have suffered a loss during the last decade of an amount equal to the growth of her cities plus \$59,000,000, and during the last year, from 1893 to 1894, of \$24,000,000, a total loss of \$583,000,000.

And I tell you that this means that they are unable to purchase or consume goods by this large amount in one single state. If you curtail demand you necessarily curtail supply, for nobody will produce if they cannot sell. If you curtail supply you necessarily curtail labor and machinery engaged in making this supply. So your Coxey armies of tramps and your smokeless factories are the logical, necessary, inevitable result of the "expert" legislation of the past twenty-five years.

Have ever king, clergy and nobility in Europe or the Orient plundered a people more ruthlessly (however much more extensively) under the guise of law, than our own "experts" to whose tender care you so considerately commend the American people?

Mr. Cleveland, you and your "expert" associates labor under the mistake that you can "fool the people all the time." Your mistake would be ludicrous if it were not pregnant with such evil portent—a portent I forbear to discuss because I shudder to contemplate.

But Mr. Cleveland, a parting word of admonition. You and the holders of these stolen millions—none the less

## PRIMARY ELECTION RETURNS.

TOWNSHIPS.	Bee Branch.	Bowling Green.	Brunswick No. 1.	Brunswick No. 2.	Chariton.	Clark.	Cockrell.	Cummingham.	Keytesville.	Mendon.	Missouri.	Mussey Fork.	Salisbury.	Salt Creek.	Triplet.	Wayland.	Yellow Creek.	Total.
Representative—																		
J. N. Gipson.	135	35	7		3	121	92	7	205	4	68	128	254	23	40	55	3	1180
S. J. Carter.	2	78	112	33	21	27	22	19	256	37	18	12	117	21	38	11	35	859
J. W. Davis.	2	55	326	2	27	14	14	101	244	88	9	31	254	53	32	66	5	1423
T. P. Schooler.	1	8	25	3	31	17	12	9	57	11	15	20	201	5	55	28	54	552
For Sheriff—																		
O. B. Anderson.	28	60	94	3	25	35	66	21	155	33	56	313	23	74	19	6		1067
J. R. Dempsey.	100	85	286	26	39	137	50	112	241	91	18	56	367	66	153	93	77	1997
F. M. Veatch.	6	37	92	9	17	9	28	2	379	16	40	85	160	13	40	49	14	996
For Treasurer—																		
G. H. Applegate.	111	104	22	7	60	54	72	61	396	20	86	92	401	15	14	37	16	1568
John Knappenburger.	21	78	450	31	20	124	72	75	373	121	23	98	431	84	251	124	81	2457
For Prosecuting Attorney—																		
J. A. Collet.	94	42	228	26	46	146	134	53	424	114	73	128	567	81	108	131	76	2561
J. C. Wallace.	38	134	238	12	33	33	9	81	325	24	41	55	262	21	62	28	20	1416
For Judge Eastern District—																		
Henry Hayes.	131				80		139		770		113		831			159		2223
For Judge Western District—																		
C. E. Allen.		182	463	38		176		136		140		175		99	263		96	1768
For Public Administrator—																		
B. F. Moore.	58	25	94	10	22	46	70	19	86	18	63	52	389	50	66	48	16	1132
T. E. Mackay.	70	152	359	24	58	125	55	112	634	116	44	134	397	49	102	106	79	2706
For Surveyor—																		
A. F. Arrington.	132	183	472	38	81	178	140	136	772	141	111	191	835	100	267	158	92	4027
For Coroner—																		
G. M. Dewey.	134	183	442	38	80	179	140	136	772	141	113	192	836	100	265	159	91	4001
TOTAL.	141	184	477	38	82	179	148	136	775	142	115	199	844	102	269	160	97	4088

stolen because wrong from a patient people under the forms of law—would do well not to forget that lesson of history, "Whom the Gods wish to destroy they first make mad." I am, with great respect for your office,  
W. M. FISHBACK.  
Fort Smith, March 31, 1896.

## Weekly Crop Bulletin.

CENTRAL OFFICE,  
COLUMBIA, MO., April 7, '96.

The Weekly Crop Bulletin issued by the Missouri Section, Climate and Crop Service, Weather Bureau, for the week ending April 4th, says:

During the last three days of March the weather was quite warm in all sections, but the first three days of April were unusually cold, minimum temperatures ranging from 5 to 15 degrees below freezing, occurring over nearly the entire state. On the 4th, however, the weather was much warmer, and the mean temperature of the week was very near the normal.

Very heavy showers occurred in a few of the extreme southeastern counties on March 30th, but elsewhere the rainfall for the week was generally less than .25 of an inch and over a large portion of the state there was none. High winds prevailed during the middle of the week drying the surface of the ground very rapidly.

There was more than the usual amount of sunshine and, as a rule, the weather was very favorable for farm work, but warm showers are needed for wheat and grasses.

Wheat had but little protection during the winter and in some sections suffered considerably from the alternate thawing and freezing. In most of the southern and eastern counties it is reported as looking well, and the crop is generally in fair condition in the northern counties, but in a number of the central and western counties its condition is not very promising.

Oat sowing progressed rapidly during the week, except in a few localities where the ground was too wet, and the bulk of the crop is now in. In some of the central and southern counties the early sown are coming up and look well. Grass and clover seed have been sown in the southwestern counties.

Early potatoes are being planted and gardens made, and watermelons have been planted in Dunklin county. In a few of the extreme southern counties the peaches and apricots were injured by the freeze on the morning of the 3rd, in some localities quite severely, but otherwise fruit buds are still safe. Peaches and plums are in bloom in the southern, and are beginning to bloom in the central counties.

Grasses are starting, but very backward, owing to the cold weather during March.

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## M. H. HOLCOMB.

### Cuba.

The lower house of congress adopted the conference report on the Cuban resolutions by a vote of 244 to 27, last Monday. The resolution is an acknowledgment that the Cubans are belligerents and have maintained for some time a condition of war against Spain and that the United States should maintain a strict neutrality between the contending powers, according to each all the rights of belligerents in the states and territories of the United States. There were 18 Republicans and 6 Democratic members who voted against the resolution. It is said that the Spanish government is in great straits for money to prolong the war, and this fact in connection with the action of congress, may assist in securing a cessation of hostilities at an early day.

PROBABLY very few people are aware of the fact that a large proportion of the eggs used in this country go into the manufacture of some article other than food. The calico print works' use over 40,000,000 eggs each year. Photographic establishments use millions of dozens, and wine clarifiers call for over 10,000,000 dozen. The demands from these sources increase faster than the table demands. They are used by book binders, kid glove manufacturers and for finishing fine leather. To these sources of demand is due the high price of eggs, which is very uniformly maintained.—*Rural World.*

### Clover Seed.

I have a lot of clover seed for sale at my farm, five miles northwest of Keytesville. First come, first served. J. T. SWAIN, JR.

### ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

The Democratic convention, of Saline county, held at Marshall last Monday, was a regular silver love feast. Speeches were made by Mat Hall, Sid. Burke, Sam Davis and Doctor Gore. Abiel Leonard, who had strayed from the Democratic fold and united his political fortunes with the Populists, was present and, being loudly called for, and a motion being made and seconded that he be received back into the bosom of the Democratic party, he made a lively speech in which he declared that he was still a Jeffersonian Democrat, that he had ceased to affiliate with the Democratic party, but congratulated the convention upon its attitude towards the silver question and the fact that they would call upon a Populist to speak to them. Said it showed that the people of the West and South, of all parties, were getting together on the living questions of the day, and that the Democratic party was regaining its olden vitality and supporting principles instead of individuals. While he was endeavoring to show the positions of the Populists and Democrats were precisely the same on the leading issue, the committee returned with their reports, and Mr. Leonard closed his remarks, though urged to go on, and let the committee wait.

### Swamp-Root.

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